

THE LATEST FROM THE NAVAL SAFETY CENTER

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1. **FY14 Annual Mishap Overview Available** – The Naval Safety Center's annual report of FY14 is now available on our website. It contains a spectrum of measures of how the Navy and Marine Corps fared during



FY14. Statistics focus on the major mishap-reduction targets, such as traffic and aviation. The report lists recurrent discrepancies that our aviation and afloat safety-assessment teams found during their hundreds of in-depth fleet visits around the globe. These nuts-and-bolts details of unit safety programs highlight shortfalls in fleet knowledge, training, experience and execution. Another section focuses on ashore topics, especially traffic safety (including pedestrians) and recreation/off-duty safety. Other information covers negligent discharges of firearms (on duty and off duty), oversight visits to Navy High-Risk Training activities, and surveys of Navy and Marine Corps paralofts. The report concludes with a summary of the activities of the Naval Safety and Environmental Training Center and a status report about the important Fleet Safety Campaign Plan. The goal is to identify issues on which we can work together to identify and avoid costly preventable mishaps that remain all too common. Find the report at http://www.public.navy.mil/comnavsafecen/Documents/media/FY14_Annual_Report.pdf.



2. **Fleet Operational Safety Council Meets** – As part of the developing Fleet Safety Campaign plan, the Fleet Operational Safety Council meets monthly to share concerns and best practices. The group consists of Naval Safety Center, USFF, CPF, and safety professionals from all TYCOMS. The group also raises issues beyond TYCOM capabilities to solve up the chain of command for visibility at the Fleet level. The implementing document for the safety campaign (COMUSFLTFORCOM/COMPACFLT Instruction 5100.8) is at

http://www.public.navy.mil/comnavsafecen/Documents/instructions/Safety_Campaign_Plan_INST.pdf.

3. **New Zone Inspection Video Resource Released to Fleet** – The problems with zone inspections are well-known, leading directly to failures of equipment, excessive downtime, and impaired readiness. To provide a 21st Century tool for today's fleet, we've partnered with COMNAVSURFLANT to create "ZI-21," a package of 37 video clips. The segments provide tips and techniques for conducting zone inspections of systems/equipment; a review of requirements for specific spaces on a ship; and insight segments from INSURV and ATG. You can view the clips on the Naval Safety Center's YouTube Channel

at www.youtube.com/navalsafetycenter. The distributed version also has a folder with all required resources and references. Every ship in COMNAVSURFLANT and COMNAVSURFPAC has access to the information in one package, including a navigable, standard-definition DVD that allows the user to cycle through all the clips and logically find the segments that apply to their department, division or space. This playable/navigable DVD product was distributed at the COMNAVSURFLANT Commander's Conference last December.



- 4. **WESS Gets Better** Major improvements to the mishap- and hazard-reporting system have just been released. The WESS homepage is now a single page of consolidated information that will rapidly guide users to the right parts of WESS:
 - The Safety Professional Authoritative Resource Center (SPARC), a consolidated workspace for mishap and hazard reporting
 - The Dive Jump Reporting System (DJRS), used by divers and parachutists for maintaining and updating diving and parachuting logs
 - The Jasper Reports system, for accessing safety data and generating preformatted reports
 - The Safety Mishap Analysis & Retrieval Tool (SMART), a search feature that will allow users greater access to mishap data.

A homepage tutorial can be found on the Naval Safety Center website at www.public.navy.mil/comnavsafecen/Documents/WESS/WESS_Homepage.ppsx.

SPARC is a concise, user-friendly workbench that guides customers to the correct sections of the mishap and hazard reporting system for each type of incident. It also displays and organizes draft reports, submitted reports, and rejected reports for each customer. A SPARC tutorial is at www.public.navy.mil/comnavsafecen/Documents/WESS/SPARC_Mishap-Hazard_Workspace.ppsx.

SMART is a new search feature that allows users to explore all mishap and hazard reports that have been reported through WESS. This tool will greatly assist users who require specific data. WESS users will be able to find specific types of events easily by searching through narratives, dates, locations, classifications and many other filtering comparisons. A tutorial is at www.public.navy.mil/comnavsafecen/Documents/WESS/SMART_Search_Tool.ppsx.

For more information, contact the WESS help desk at 757-444-3520, Ext. 7048 (DSN 564).

5. Joint Safety and Environmental Professional Development Online Symposium –

The 23rd annual symposium runs from March 9-13. It will feature more than 150 seminars and 12 service breakout sessions. More than 2,200 virtual attendees are expected. Registration opens February 15 at https://pdc2015.adobeconnect.com/pdsreg/event/registration.html.